

Kansas Honey Producers Association

Spring 2013 Board Meeting

Wichita

Present: Steve Tipton, Becky Tipton, Joli Winer, Connie Hopkins, Ron Hopkins, Tim Tucker, Cathy Richardson, Bill Vinduska,

Absent: Greg Swob, Mike Sinclair, Jim Kellie, Rocky Schmied

Also present: Grace Schmied, Isaac Schmied, Cecil Sweeney, and Candy Vinduska

Meeting was called to order February 28, 2013 at 8:30 by President Steve Tipton.

Minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's report was given by Robert Burns and approved. Need to audit books (fair, queen, KHPA) need 3 for a committee. Tim Tucker, Norbert Neal, Ron Hopkins volunteered

First Vice President Joli Winer:

Ed Levi from Arkansas will speak on natural beekeeping

Next meeting will be Oct 18, 19 in Junction City, spring 2014 will be in Hays Feb 28, March 1 officers meet Feb 27 at 8pm

She is frustrated about speakers not committing to a day and when she checks back they accepted another group, or if do accept cancel out later.

She will be ordering name tags for life members

Second Vice President Rocky Schmied: (Grace)

He would like to see if Golden Heritage will donate bottles for the honey sold at the State Fair, Brent Barkman now owns the company again, and he donated in the past.

New products at the fair booth were, BBQ sauce, 2 oz bears, Creamed honey, Jalapeño creamed honey.

Trying to get Rev Honey approved by the fair board since it is a 'consumable' they want to tax at a higher rate. Want to sell as packs not immediate use.

Evaluating Signs want larger sign that can be seen from both sides that will hang from the ceiling, but need to be a sponsor, we are the only honey completion sponsor, will try to get fair board approval. The layout worked well last year sales were up will try to spread out across the booth space, getting more counter space and putting on wheels to move easier.

Have the National Queen or Princess scheduled to be at Fair in September

Would like to start an educational committee to promote honey in the booth, at the entry display, and possibly cooking at the domestic arts building

There was a motion to make an "Educational Committee" to deal with education at the State Fair probably need at least 3 people. The motion passed, will ask for volunteers

Would like to get someone to be in charge of scheduling and calling people to help at the fair.

We have a new RV space at the fair for the KHPA. For volunteers that stay and want to use their RV.

Returning people's products: Those that sell their product at the fair need to pick up extra product immediately after the fair or make arrangements with someone to pick it up for them.

Third Vice President Connie Hopkins:

Connie would like to make the 3 VP position into "Promotions and Advertising" instead of being in charge of Honey Queen since there has not been a Queen for several years. And she would like to transfer the "queen" fund to the general fund. Since this is in the bylaws a vote will need to be taken at the business meeting. Committee agreed this was a good alternative and we can always revote to reinstate the Queen Program.

Fourth Vice President Becky Tipton:

Both scholarship students Owen Gartner and Bailey Penner will be at this meeting.

Will be updating the scholarship brochure

Tim Tucker will donate nucs to the scholarship students if they want to do that instead of a package of bees

Area Reps.

Mike Sinclair not present but North East will be having new beekeeping classes

Cathy Richardson North Central, Having meetings

Tim Tucker South Central, Having meetings and classes to see if interest in forming a club.

Would like to step down as area rep suggest Norbert Neal, will need to vote at business meeting.

Ron Hopkins South West did presentations to groups

Bill Vinduska South Central, Had a meeting last year in 2013 will try to meet in May at his house for a "funday". Started a Yahoo Group 90 people were contacted. Would like to see "area" meetings included in the state meetings schedule (30 to 45) minutes or have a working lunch meeting

Old Business

KHPA web site, Marietta and William Graham will be able to take over the administration of the site, Robert Burns will get codes for them to access the site.

Joli needs to order name tags

American Bee Federation Delegates are needed Tim Tucker current delegate needs to step down and recommends Norbert Neal and Bruce Swob.

Would like to start a Yahoo group for the state group could bring up at business meeting. Have a face book page that doesn't get much use currently.

Meeting adjourned 10:45pm

Marietta Graham
Secretary